

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 380

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ruth R. Goodwin on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ruth R. Goodwin is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than thirty-six years with the Senior Citizens Center in Elizabethton; she currently stands as Director of the Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, though Mrs. Goodwin will be taking a much deserved retirement on July 1, 2009, she will remain an active part of the Center, assisting in outreach and visiting people who are homebound; she also plans to stay on as a member of the Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic philanthropist, Ruth Goodwin began her service with the Elizabethton Senior Citizens Center in 1973, when she first became a volunteer in the homebound meal program; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, she became a full-time employee, working as the Record Clerk and assisting with the Center's activities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her extraordinary vision and numerous talents, Mrs. Goodwin was promoted to Center Director in 1985, a position she has held for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty-six years as a volunteer, Record Clerk, and Director at the Center, she has been an integral piece of the growth and success the Center has enjoyed, exhibiting an unmatched dedication to serve Elizabethton's senior citizens and working with the many agencies that support the senior population; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Goodwin is highly respected and admired by her co-workers and treasured by the residents of the Elizabethton Senior Citizens Center, who have come to know

her as a deeply compassionate woman who is always poised to offer wise counsel to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodwin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to her profession and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, devoting herself to serve and befriend the elderly members of her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Ruth R. Goodwin for her unwavering service as Director of the Senior Citizens Center in Elizabethton and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.